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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Agoura Hills – Mock Fighter Plane Crashes on California Freeway

(U) A pilot escaped injury after his vintage single-engine plane crashed and burst into flames on a southern California freeway yesterday, authorities said. The North American AT-6 was painted with WWII German air force markings. The plane belonged to the group, which performs mock dogfights for air shows and flies in formation over parades, memorial services and events commemorating veterans. SOURCE: 23 October 2018, [The Guardian](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Border Patrol Says Record Number of Family Member Crossings

(U) September saw the highest number on record for family members crossing the US-Mexico border in a single month, according to the Department of Homeland Security. Figures released by Border Patrol as part of its annual end of fiscal year numbers stated 16,658 family members were apprehended crossing the border. The numbers were similar to figures during the 2014 unaccompanied minor crisis, when there were 16,330 apprehensions. SOURCE: 23 October 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – 22-Year-Old Woman Worked to Facilitate Support for Al Qa'ida

(U) Birmingham – A young woman has been charged by federal authorities in Birmingham with attempting to provide support and resources to terrorist organization al Qa'ida. The US Department of Justice announced the charges Tuesday against 22-year-old Alaa Mohd Abusaad. Abusaad instructed a female undercover FBI informant how to send money to the mujahedeen – fighters engaged in jihad - saying money was always needed. SOURCE: 23 October 2018, [AL.com](#)

(U) New Jersey – Six Dead, 12 Others Infected in 'Severe' Viral Outbreak

(U) Haskell – Six pediatric patients are dead and 12 others are sick due to a "severe" viral outbreak at a facility in New Jersey, according to the state Department of Health. The department confirmed 18 cases of adenovirus among pediatric residents at the Wanaque Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Passaic County. Among the 18 children sickened, six have died, the Health Department said. Adenovirus is a family of viruses that typically affect young children and usually cause only mild illness. SOURCE: 23 October 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) New York – Explosive Devices Found in Mail Sent to Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, and CNN

(U) Chappaqua – Explosive devices were found in mail sent to the offices of former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and the New York offices of CNN according to a law enforcement official. The devices were similar to one found on Monday at the home of the billionaire philanthropist George Soros, the official said. One device was found on Wednesday morning by a

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technician who screens mail for the office of Hillary Clinton, a law enforcement official said. Similar devices were sent to the office of former President Barack Obama in Washington D.C., and CNN offices addressed to contributor and former CIA Director John Brennan.

SOURCE: 24 October 2018, [New York Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) France – Interpol Seizes 500 Tons of Illicit Drugs in Worldwide Raids**

(U) Paris – Coordinated police raids in 116 countries have netted 500 tons of illicit pharmaceuticals available online, including fake cancer medications, counterfeit pain pills and illegal medical syringes, according to Interpol. Authorities said an operation codenamed Pangea XI led to 859 arrests worldwide and the seizure of more than \$14 million worth of potentially dangerous pharmaceuticals.

SOURCE: 23 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Japan – Journalist Freed after Three Years of Captivity in Syria

(U) Tokyo – A man believed to be a Japanese freelance journalist who was captured three years ago in Syria has been freed, according to the Japanese government. Japanese media reported that Yasuda, 44, had been captured by an al Qa'ida affiliate after entering Syria from Turkey in 2015. Since then, he has appeared occasionally in online videos looking increasingly unkempt with graying hair.

SOURCE: 23 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Arab Emirates – Saudi, Bahrain Add Iran's Revolutionary Guard to Terrorism Lists

(U) Dubai – Saudi Arabia said yesterday it and Bahrain had added Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps and senior officers from its Quds Force to their lists of people and organizations suspected of involvement in terrorism. Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force, and the force's Hamed Abdollahi and Abdul Reza Shahlai had been included on the terrorism list, according to security services.

SOURCE: 23 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – PayPal Halts Services for Charity with Alleged Ties to Terrorism

(U) London – PayPal stopped providing services to War on Want, a UN NGO, after a consortium of lawyers for Israel, provided evidence to PayPal claiming to show the charity had ties with terrorist organizations. UK Lawyers for Israel and The Lawfare Project, an organization that provides legal services to fight antisemitism, criticized War on Want before for the organization's supposed links to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

SOURCE: 23 October 2018, [The Jerusalem Post](#)

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